



## **Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services**

**Date:** May 12, 2014

**To:** Council Member Cam Gordon, Chair – Health, Energy & Community Engagement Committee

**Subject:** Animal adoption initiative report

**Recommendation:** Receive and file

### **Department Information**

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### **Financial Impact**

- No financial impact

### **Supporting Information**

In September 2013, MACC was given permission by the city council to move forward with a plan to adopt all animals to the general public. The funding was provided in the Mayor's budget in December 2013. Since December, staff at Minneapolis Animal Care & Control has worked to create a program to adopt all animals to the public. We held 17 focus group sessions between January and March 2014 and talked with 152 stakeholders and/or interested parties to gather opinions on the new Adoption Initiative.

Overall, our expectations for this project include:

- All adoptable animals are available to the general public
- Improve the health and well-being of animals in our care
- Evaluate and facilitate timely and successful placements
- Improve efficiency and effectiveness in processing animals

Minneapolis Animal Care & Control plans to launch the new program in early June 2014.

Additional information:

- Attached powerpoint